



Malheur National Forest
P.O. Box 909 John Day, OR 97845 (541) 575-3000

News Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 21, 2003

For More Information: Curtis Qual
Phone: 541-575-3000

NORTHEAST OREGON FOREST'S RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FY 2004 PROJECTS

The Northeast Oregon Forest's Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met in Unity, Oregon on May 15, to review and recommend FY 2004 Title II projects announced Jennifer Harris, the Designated Federal Official working with this committee. During the RAC meeting 57 project proposals totaling over 2.45 million dollars in eight Eastern Oregon counties were reviewed. Of the 57 projects 36 were forwarded for approval to the three forest supervisors on the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. Approval of projects will result in approximately 2.0 million dollars being spent on watershed restoration and enhancement projects on private and National Forest lands. Project examples include noxious weed treatment, thinning, aspen restoration, fence construction, riparian improvement, and road maintenance. Projects will be initiated through a variety of instruments such as contracting, agreements, seasonal workforce, Oregon Youth Conservation Crews, correctional crews, and federal workforce.

Approved FY 2004 project proposals should be available on the Malheur National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur by May 28, 2003.

Funds for future years are expected to continue under the provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. For more information contact Curtis Qual, 541-575-3000.

-FS-

"The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status. (Not all bases apply to all programs) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA Forest Service is an equal opportunity provider and employer."